

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed June 15, 2004, in which Claims 1 through 9, 19 through 22, 24 through 39 and 48 were rejected. . Applicants have thoroughly reviewed the outstanding Office Action including the Examiner's remarks and the reference cited therein. The following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action and, when coupled with the amendments made herein, are believed to render all claims at issue patentably distinguishable over the cited references.

Claims 1, 6, 7, 20, 21, 22, 24, and 34 are amended herein. Claims 10 -19, 23, 25, 27 - 33, and 35 - 48 are cancelled herein. New Claim 49 is added. Accordingly, Claims 1 through 9, 20 through 22, 24, 26, 34 and 49 remain pending.

All the changes are made for clarification and are based on the application and drawings as originally filed. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

DRAWING OBJECTIONS

With respect to Paragraph 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings as either having too much text in them (Figures 2 - 4) or not having any captions (Figures 29 - 92).

Applicants have corrected certain textual language but requests that the Examiner allow a telephone communication with the undersigned to discuss the extent of the needed changes.

DOUBLE PATENTING

With respect to Paragraph 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to Claim 25.

Applicants have cancelled Claim 25 herein. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that this objection has been rendered moot.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. SECTION 112, 1ST PARAGRAPH

With respect to Paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1 through 9, 19 through 22, 24 through 34 and 48 under 35 U.S.C. Section 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement.

With respect to Paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1 - 3, 5 - 9, 19 - 22, 24 - 34 and 48 under 35 U.S.C. Section 112, second paragraph as being incomplete for omitting essential steps.

Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Applicants have amended Claims 1, 6, 7, 20, 21, 22, 24, and 34 such that both of the first and second paragraph 112 rejections are believed to be overcome.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. Section 112, 1st Paragraph, be reconsidered and withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims as currently presented are in condition for allowance. If, for any reason, the Examiner disagrees, please call the undersigned attorney at 248-433-7552 in an effort to resolve any matter still outstanding *before* issuing another action. The undersigned attorney is confident that any issue which might remain can readily be worked out by telephone.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued
in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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